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recognized to close on the advancement of the bill.

SENATOR STUHR: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. I would just ask for your support in LB 1200, which actually relates to the use of money forfeited by state and county employees. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: You've heard the closing. The question before the body is the advancement of LB 1200. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Please record.

CLERK: 32 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 1200.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: The bill advances. (Visitors introduced.) We next move to LB 1221. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: LB 1221, Mr. President, by Business and Labor Committee, signed by its members, relates to Workers' Compensation. (Read title.) Bill was introduced on January 12 of this year, referred to the Business and Labor Committee, advanced to General File. I do have committee amendments, Mr. President. (AM2172, Legislative Journal page 608.)

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Vrtiska, you're recognized to open on the bill.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. LB 1221 changes to the Workers' Comp...makes changes to the Workers' Compensation statutes that were brought to the Business and Labor Committee by the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Court. There was no opposition in the committee and...when the bill was heard on January 31st, so the committee designated it as a committee priority bill and placed it, without dissent, on General File with the committee amendments. What this does is very close to what the Clerk had told you. It deals with the...with the merger of the Second Injury Fund and the Vocational Rehabilitation Fund into one fund. Right now, there are two funds. As a result of legislation, LB 854, that was passed in 1997, the Second Injury Fund will phase itself out over a period of time because there will be no more payments made, no more claims filed after 1997. Therefore, this will